LINDSEY (LINCOLNSHIRE) COUNTY COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of GRIMSBY.

for the Year 1918.

Form for Interim Report.

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Diphtheria and membranous Croup	Erysipelas	Scarlet fever	Enteric fever	Puerperal fever	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Other Tuberculous diseases	Poliomyelitis	Cerebro-spinal meningitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Measles and German measles		Total
										M	G.M	
5	0	27	1	0	17	1	0	1	0	54	4	110

2. Action taken in regard to the control of Infectious Disease (space is given under heading 15 for further notes if necessary)

On receipt of Notice of an Infectious Disease, I either visit the premises (or instruct the Sanitary Inspector to do so), enquire into the history of the case, and if necessary, or advisable, have the patient removed to the Isolation Hospital; and where the patient can be well isolated at home, instructions to prevent the spread of Infection are given, disinfectants are supplied, and every precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease. About one half of the Notified cases for the year was due to Measles- about one fourth to Scarlet Fever and one sixth to Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Over and above the above number of Infectious Diseases there have been notified by the Admiralty- one case of Scarlet Fever- 3 cases of Measles and 4 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

3. Housing Accommodation.

The inspection of houses under the Housing Act 1909 during the War has been more or less in abeyance owing to the almost impossibility of obtaining labour and material for repairing. My Council have undertaken to provide houses where necessary under the Government Scheme, and 2,000 houses have been asked for at Immingham.

4. Water Supply

Except Immingham,-Healing—Great Coates-Little Coates and Scartho, which receive their supply from the Grimsby Waterworks Co., the District is supplied by means of Bores

5. Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Supply.

These are regularly inspected by the Sanitary Inspector and the majority are kept in a clean condition.

6. Sanitary Condition of Premises where Foods are Prepared:-

(a) Slaughterhouses. All are now Registered, and are regularly Inspected.

(b) Bakehouses. These are regularly lime-washed and otherwise carefully kept.

7. Unsound Food. A small quantity has been surrendered after examination by the Sanitary Inspector, who is a certified Meat Inspector.

8. Effect of Food Restrictions on Health. I am of opinion that the food restrictions obtaining is responsible to some extent for the prevalence of, and fatality in the Influenza Epidemics which during the year have swept the Country by a lowering of vitality which lessenedd the ppwers of resistance to Infection.

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9. Pollution of Rivers. Nil.

10. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. Most of the villages in the District have Cesspools or are drained into Ditches. Immingham has a separate Sewage scheme partially carried out- this will be completed as soon as permission is given by the Local Government Board. Little Coates is a Water carriage Parish and the Sewers discharge at the Grimsby Borough Outfall.

11. Disposal of Refuse and Excrement. Immingham and Little Coates are scavenged by Contract. The remaining Villages still retain the old system of each Tennant disposing of his own refuse. This is not at all satisfactory and the larger Parishes ought to have regular and systematic scavenging.

12. Common Lodging Houses. None in the District.

13. Offensive Trades. A tripe boiling establishment is the only offensive trade, as defined by the Public Health Act 1875, in the District; but there are Liver boiling and manure works which are well looked after and from which no nuisance was reported during the year.

14. Schools. Most of the schools in the District have been closed for 3 weeks and some for a further period of 3 weeks in consequence of the prevalence of Influenza.

15. Other matters or further notes under any of the previous Headings.

There have been 154 deaths in the District during the year, viz; 84 Males and 70 Females-with an estimated population of 10079 this gives a Death rate of 15.
There have been 272 Births-136 Males and 136 Females-with an estimated population, as given by the Registrar General, of 11293- this gives a Birth Rate of 24. In July, and again in November & December there were wide Epidemics of Influenza in the District- the outstanding features of which were- sudden seizures and grave complications of Pneumonia and Bronchitis. The Port of Immingham call for special reference, inasmuch as it is a Port where large Commercial Ships trade, and cargoes of Meat, Wool, Grain, Sugar, and other foodstuffs are brought. The Council's Sanitary Inspector lives at Immingham--has an Office on the Dock, and is the Officer appointed to examine foodstuffs under the Unsound Food Regulations 1908 and 1909. Special attention is given to Rat Catching although more might be done in that way as no attempt is made to catch them on Ships. In view of the important of the Port Sanitary work my Council have appointed as my Deputy for the Port, Dr Feltham, who resides at Immingham.
Generally speaking the Sanitary Condition of the District is satisfatory but there is a great need of housing accommodation in the more remote County Parish, which no doubt will be remedied in course of time.

I am,
Gentlemen,
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Signed P. O. McKane
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Date June 4th 1919.

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